

was a dedicated and caring mother to her two sons, Brian and Christopher as well as a devoted grandmother to Olivia and Malcolm.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that the Greater Newark Community has lost a visionary and friend in Maxine James. Her family, friends and associates can all be proud of the legacy she leaves behind.

OPPOSING MOTION TO RECOMMIT
H.R. 3221

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to voice my concern over the recent motion to recommit the bill HR 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, which passed the House on September 17, 2009.

The motion to recommit stated, in part, that no organization that has been indicted for any federal or state campaign finance or election law can be eligible for any federal government contract or grant. The motion specifically names the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) as an organization covered by the bill.

Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution clearly states, "No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed." Congress cannot legislatively punish an individual or specific class of people. The fact that the motion to recommit appears to meet both criteria for a bill of attainder—specificity and punishment—should give us pause. Legislation that could potentially violate the Constitution surely deserves more debate than twenty minutes.

The recent revelations regarding the conduct of some ACORN employees is disquieting and merits closer investigation; however it is not Congress' place to assign guilt and punishment. The Constitution affords all accused people the protections of the judicial system; Congress must allow the judicial branch to function properly. For this reason I opposed the motion to recommit, and I will oppose any legislation that attempts to punish an individual or specific class of people without the judicial protections afforded them by the Constitution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on September 23, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 732. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 732: No—on Motion to Adjourn.

HONORING MR. EDWARD C.
YBARRA, JR.

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, Central Catholic High School has a long and glorious

history in San Antonio. On March 25, 1852, it became the first boys' school to open in the city and it has served generations of San Antonio's young men. Now, one of Central's distinguished alumni, Edward C. Ybarra, Jr., is poised to become its 35th principal.

Mr. Ybarra first came to Central as a freshman in 1979 and, after graduating in 1983, went on to earn his degree from Texas Lutheran University. Central had clearly put its hold on him, however, and Ybarra returned to the school in 1987 to coach the basketball, football, track, and golf teams. He started teaching history the next year and, after earning his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio, became Assistant Principal for Student Development in 1997.

Over the years, he helped to forge Central into a second family and safe haven for its students and their families, efforts that earned him a nomination as Assistant Principal of the Year from the National Catholic Educational Association.

Edward Ybarra's successes stand as a testament to the strong foundation of his school-days at Central as the successes of his thousands of young charges reflect the quality of his leadership as a teacher and assistant principal. Both augur well for the successes to come to him and to Central under his leadership as president. The depth of his connection to the school over the past thirty years also speaks to the strength of community at Central Catholic High School.

Henry Adams once wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Edward Ybarra has affected eternity, and the world is better for it.

HONORING MR. PAUL E. ATKINSON

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Mr. Paul E. Atkinson, who died August 4, 2009 following a fall at his residence in Palo Alto, CA. He is survived by a son Paul E. Atkinson of Paris, France, a daughter Mary Hafner of Palo Alto, CA, and a son Peter Atkinson of Grand Junction, CO and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Atkinson was the long time President of Sun Ship, a leading shipyard nationally, and one of the largest employers in Delaware County, part of the District that I have the honor to represent. Very many of my constituents in Delaware County and in its surroundings worked at Sun Ship under the extraordinary leadership of Mr. Atkinson.

Among their many proud achievements were (1) the 590 foot HUGHES GLOMAR EXPLORER, built at the height of the Cold War for the CIA to secretly lift a sunken Soviet submarine from a three mile depth in the Pacific Ocean, (2) conversion of the tanker MANHATTAN into the largest icebreaker of all time, that successfully twice transited the Northwest Passage to Alaska and became the forerunner of the commercial commerce now beginning in the Arctic, and (3) construction of the largest solid rocket cases ever, begun in the period of President Kennedy's renowned reach into space.

With regret at Mr. Atkinson's passing but with thanks to him and those of my constituents who worked with him, I am pleased to add the following record of Mr. Atkinson's achievements.

Mr. Atkinson joined Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company in Chester, PA after graduating from the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in May 1942. Mr. Atkinson undertook many varied assignments in both new shipbuilding and ship repair operations during those war years and helped to guide Sun Ship into the post-war era with employment in the 5000 range, introduction of unions and participation in the postwar prosperity with new shipbuilding some 70% of manpower, burgeoning ship repair work 10–20% from increased Delaware River traffic and outside sales (non marine) work 10–20% from wind tunnels, the largest solid rocket cases ever built, much nuclear work for reactors, Savannah River and the Fernald Plant, paper mills, and key components of the Verrazano Bridge.

During the Korean War, Mr. Atkinson became General Superintendent of all operations and in 1956 he became Vice President of Operations. Large shipyards in the United States began with the invention of riveting and Sun Ship was no exception. In 1957, Mr. Atkinson led the complete rebuilding of the shipyard with fewer but greatly enlarged shipways into a true welding shipyard with several pioneering attributes, among them the largest floating drydock then in the United States.

A keen business participant well versed in the involvement of government in marine shipbuilding contracts whether through subsidy or mortgage guarantee, Mr. Atkinson looked for a better way. He became Sun Ship President in 1961. In 1965 he saw a shipping need and a Navy budgetary impediment under Defense Secretary McNamara. Mr. Atkinson conceived the gas turbine propelled ADM. WM. M. CALLAGHAN, and with an established ship operator, Sun Ship formed a joint venture that built, chartered and operated the ship for decades for the Navy.

Building on that success, Mr. Atkinson, was an early pioneer in the development of roll-on/roll-off (ro/ros) vessels. During 1965–1977 Sun Ship constructed ten ro/ros, five 80,000 ton tankers, several 120,000 ton tankers, placing many of those ships in build and charter subsidiaries under the shipping diversification strategy he pioneered at Sun Ship. Among these was TOTE, a dry cargo roll-on/roll-off shipping company, wholly owned by Sun Ship, operating to Alaska. Today it is a leading successful, unsubsidized, American flag operator. During that period, under Mr. Atkinson the yard converted the MANHATTAN for her two pioneering ice-breaking voyages through the Northwest Passage to Alaska and built the legendary HUGHES GLOMAR EXPLORER to secretly lift a sunken Soviet submarine from three miles deep in the Pacific at the height of the Cold War.

Atkinson was a Trustee of Webb Institute for many years and a recipient of its coveted William Selkirk Owen Award. He was a member of the American Bureau of Shipping, and their Technical Committee. He also was a director of the Shipbuilders Council of America, and a member and technical representative of Lloyd's American Committee. He received the prestigious Sea Grant Association award and was active personally and through Sun Ship

with the University of Delaware College of Marine Studies at Lewes, DE. He was Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and active in similar civic organizations.

TRIBUTE TO HON. RENEE JONES WEEKS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to recognize the Honorable Renee Jones Weeks for her many years of service to the community and to congratulate her upon her retirement from the Chancery Division, Superior Court of New Jersey (Essex Vicinage). Appointed to the Bench on July 14, 1989, Judge Weeks has served in the Family Part, Criminal Part and Civil Part. She has also served in two counties, Essex and Union during her tenure.

Judge Weeks has been actively engaged in various organizations throughout her career. She was a Co-Incorporator of the Garden State Bar Association, Co-Founder and First President of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey and Past Secretary of the Garden State Bar Association. She also served as Vice President of the National Bar Association, President of the Women's Division of the National Bar Association and Financial Secretary, Chair-Elect and Chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association.

A graduate of Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey and Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio, Judge Weeks has served on several committees of the New Jersey Supreme Court. She is the recipient of numerous awards and was the first Black Trustee of the Essex County Bar Association. Judge Weeks is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a past Board Member of the New Jersey State Opera and a former Court Liaison to CASA (the Court Appointed Child Advocacy Program).

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Judge Weeks is an excellent role model for women and minorities in the legal profession. She will leave a lasting impact on those who were fortunate enough to benefit from her guidance. I am pleased to join all those in attendance at a Retirement Party in her honor in wishing her a wonderful retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SERGEANT RONNIE O'NEAL BROWN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Sergeant Ronnie O'Neal Brown, a nearly 20-year-veteran of the Polk County Sheriffs Office, who recently passed as a result of injury suffered in the line of duty. He worked tirelessly to provide the citizens of Polk County with safety and service.

Sergeant Brown was hired as a detention deputy in October 1989 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in April 1997. He was most recently assigned to the South County Jail in Frostproof, Florida as a supervisor in Delta Platoon.

Sgt. Brown was injured in the line of duty on Sunday, August 30, 2009, after responding to a disturbance in an unruly prisoner's cell in the South County Jail. On Monday, September 7, 2009, he passed away.

During his nearly 20-year career, Sgt. Brown was known for his professionalism, attention to detail, positive influence on those around him, and his excellent work ethic. His personnel file is filled with accolades and letters of recognition for his hard work and dedication to the agency and to his fellow agency members. In May 2007, he and two other detention deputies were awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for providing CPR to an unresponsive inmate in the jail. It is quite clear that Sgt. Brown demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a respected and model member of the Polk County Sheriffs Office.

Sgt. Brown was a loving husband, proud father, and devoted friend. He is survived by his wife Albertina Brown, a detention deputy assigned to the inmate booking area in Bartow, Florida, and one daughter.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Sgt. Brown's extraordinary life and many accomplishments within the Polk County Sheriffs Office. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. Sgt. Brown was an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend him for his contributions to his community and the many lives that he touched while serving as a shining example of his legacy.

HONORING DENNIS L. MARTIRE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dennis L. Martire, Vice President and Regional Manager of the Laborers' International Union of North America. Throughout his career, Mr. Martire has shown exceptional leadership and has worked tirelessly for laborers.

In 1990 Mr. Martire began his career as an International Representative for the Laborers' International Union of North America, LIUNA, Jurisdictional Disputes Department. Since then, Mr. Martire has assumed various leadership positions within LIUNA. He became Assistant Director, and then Director, of the Laborers' Construction Department. In March 2000, Mr. Martire became Assistant Regional Manager of the Mid-Atlantic Region of LIUNA, and was elected Vice President and Regional Manager just 2 years later.

In addition to Mr. Martire's role within LIUNA, he also serves on various committees, boards, and organizations committed to advancing the laborers' cause. Mr. Martire serves as a Trustee on several organizations,

such as the Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America, the LIUNA National Health and Welfare Fund, and the Laborers-AGC Education and Training Fund. Mr. Martire also serves as the Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Employers Cooperation and Education Trust, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Organizing Coalition, and the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League.

In recognition of Mr. Martire's hard work and dedication, he will be presented with the Labor Man of the Year Award at the Friends of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332 Annual Black Tie Charity dinner.

Mr. Martire's impressive career with the Laborers' International Union of North America showcases his commitment and drive to promote the wellbeing of LIUNA and its members. His work clearly exemplifies his personal mission to improve working conditions and provide all laborers with well-paying, secure jobs.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND BRANDO IBARRA

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PASCARELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention to the work of an outstanding individual, Reverend Brando Ibarra, who was recognized on Friday, September 25, 2009 for his ten years of dedicated service to the people of his community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for he has been a true public servant and someone whose spiritual commitment has enhanced countless lives.

Father Brando was born on November 14, 1970, in El Doncello, Colombia. He came to the United States and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Seton Hall University. He went on to graduate with a Masters of Theology degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelien Seminary, in Illinois.

He was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Frank J. Rodimer on September 25, 1999 at St. John's Cathedral in Paterson, New Jersey. He served his Deacon Internship as a Parochial Vicar and Temporary Administrator at Saint Margaret Parish in Morristown, New Jersey for the next seven years. In 2006, he was called on to serve as Parochial Vicar of St. Gerard Majella Church in Paterson. In 2007, he was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, where he remains. Father Brando became a citizen of the United States of America on January 14, 2009.

His dedication to his ministry and to helping others reaches far beyond the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua. He is a member of the Paterson Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Spiritual Advisor of Hispanic Cursillos de Cristiandad, and a member of the Diocesan Vocation Board. He is a Chaplain for the Morris County Jail, and is a member of the Pas-saic Alliance Advisory Board Committee.

Father Brando is committed to nurturing and supporting others in their work in ministry. He is a staff member and lecturer in theology for the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown. He serves as the President of the Association of Colombian Priests in the USA, and is a Board Member the National Association of Hispanic Priests.